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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:00 p.m. Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chairman Kesto.

Members present: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Robinson, Guerra.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Irwin, Chang.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the minutes of March 22, 2016. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Lucido moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4561 (Lucido) Courts; juries; juror compensation; increase.

Representative Lucido testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Joseph Baumann, representing the State Court Administrative Office, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill and came forward to address questions. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

Mike Pendy, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

Peter Cunningham, representing the State Bar of Michigan.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 5521 (Kesto) Children; foster care; keeping siblings together in foster care placements; require under certain conditions.

SB 483 (Jones) Children; children's rights; rights for siblings to be placed together in foster care or to have sibling visitation; establish.

SB 485 (Jones) Family law; parenting time; regular and frequent parenting time for foster children; provide for.

Chairman Kesto laid the committee at ease, the time being 12:10 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Lucido took the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 12:12 p.m.

Chairman Kesto and Senator Jones testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Vice-Chairman Lucido laid the committee at ease, the time being 12:19 p.m.

Chairman Kesto took back the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 12:20 p.m.

Donald Duquette, representing the Child Advocacy Law Clinic of the University of Michigan Law School, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Hailey Hamlin, representing herself, testified in support of HB 5521 and SB 483. Questions and discussion followed.

Elizabeth Warner, representing the Children's Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, testified in support of SB 485. Questions and discussion followed.

Stacie Bladen, representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Julie Schnell, representing the Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues, submitted a card in support of HB 5521 and SB 483, but did not wish to speak.

Andrew Bronstein, representing himself, submitted a card in support of the bills and submitted written testimony, but did not wish to speak.

John Tuinstra, representing the Citizens for Parental Rights, submitted a card in support of the bills and submitted written testimony, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 5521. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Robinson, Guerra.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Heise moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 483. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Robinson, Guerra.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 485. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Robinson, Guerra.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 672 (Hansen) Torts; liability; parental waiver of liability for minor; expand to include camping activities.

Senator Hansen and Scott Barger, representing the Michigan Christian Camps and Cran-Hill Ranch, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

Kevin Grifhorst, representing the Michigan Christian Camping Association.

Bill Flory, representing the Michigan Association for Justice.

Ben Bodkin, representing the YMCA State Alliance of Michigan.

Chairman Kesto laid the committee at ease, the time being 12:46 p.m.

Chairman Kesto called the committee back to order, the time being 12:47 p.m.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bills before the committee:

SB 453 (Jones) Courts; district court; residency requirement for magistrate in the third class district courts; expand.

SB 458 (Schuitmaker) Children; adoption; grounds for termination of parental rights; clarify under certain circumstances.

Probate Judge Lisa Sullivan, representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association, submitted a card in support of SB 458 and came forward to answer questions. Questions and discussion followed.

Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan Judges Association, submitted a card in support of SB 458, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Lucido moved to report out SB 453 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Guerra.

Nays: Rep. Robinson.

Pass: None.

Representative Lucido moved to report out SB 458 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 7-1-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Cole, Robinson, Guerra.

Nays: Rep. Runestad.

Pass: Rep. Howrylak.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Kesto adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:58 p.m.

Representative Klint Kesto, Chair_____

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